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In re application of:

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For: Image prints having customized  
backprinting message

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**PETITION TO ACCEPTANCE OF  
PATENT APPLICATION WHEN A  
JOINT INVENTOR REFUSES TO JOIN  
IN PATENT APPLICATION**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 10, 2004

Dear Mr. Douglas Wood,

In response to your letter of March 8, 2004, applicant submits further documentation required for the Petition on January 14, 2004 regarding the acceptance of the instant patent application when a joint inventor refuses to join in patent application under 37 CFR §1.47(a).

The applicant very much appreciates the discussion over the telephone with you today. It was very helpful in clarifying the remaining requirements for the instant petition.


In response to the requirements, I declare under penalty of forgery that the application papers (including specification, drawings, claims and declaration and assignment forms) were sent to co-inventor Mr. Daniel Baum's last known address at 685 San Mateo Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025 and via electronic e-mail. The e-mail message to Mr. Baum including attached Declaration Form for the instant patent application was found and a print copy was attached.

The co-inventor was unwilling to sign the declaration form out of the concern that he has been employed by another company in the imaging industry as Shutterfly, Inc. also is in. The

co-inventor did review the application papers and had verbal discussions with the undersigned patent agent about the instant patent application and his current employment situation.

You kind consideration of the documentation of the remaining requirements for the petition is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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